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Highlights from City Council Meetings

June 21, 2022

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Closed Session City Council Meeting Agenda

June 21, 2022

3:30pm

1. Roll Call
All present.
2. Closed Session:
 - a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion pertaining to performance, assignment, and appointment of specific public employees of the City of Petersburg specifically including but not limited to discussion of the performance and appointment of a specific public officer; and under subsection §2.23711(A)(7) and (8) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of receiving legal advice and status update from the city attorney and legal consultation regarding the subject of specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by the city attorney, specifically including but not limited to discussion regarding Petersburg Circuit Court Case No.: CL21000495-00; and a contract issue.
Motion approved to end closed session.
3. Adjournment

Regular City Council Meeting

June 21, 2022

5:00pm

1. Roll Call
All present.
2. Prayer
Led by Councilman Hill.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Mayor Parham.
4. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum
Quorum present.
5. Proclamations/Recognitions/Presentation of Ceremonial Proclamations
None.
6. Responses to Previous Public Information Posted
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<http://www.petersburg-va.org/DocumentCenter/View/6973/Council-Communicates-6-7-2022?bidId=>
7. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. Minutes:
 - June 7, 2022 - Closed Session Minutes
 - June 7, 2022 - Work Session Minutes**Approved.**
8. Official Public Hearings
 - a. A public hearing June 21, 2022, for consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Ruffin Enterprises, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property at 1544 Halifax St, parcel 052030005.
Presenter: Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
No public comments.
Approved.
 - b. A public hearing on June 21, 2022 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and William Nicholson towards the sale of City-owned property at 302 Market Street North, parcel ID 010-21001.
Presenter: Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
Public Comments:
Jeff Fleming – supports sale.
Bill Hartsock – does not support sale.

Bruce Donald – does not support sale.
Travis Melson – does not support sale.
Francine Knight – does not support sale.
Melody Chrome – does not support sale.
Risha Stebbins – does not support sale.
Kathy Walker – does not support sale.

No action taken by Council.

c. A public hearing on an appeal by Taiwo Onadipe, applicant and owner of 215 Henry Street, Tax Parcel 011-20-0010, on the decision of the Architectural Review Board (ARB). The property is located within the Centre Hill Local Historic District.

Public Comments:

Bill Irving – supports ARB recommendation.

Taiwo Onadipe – explained why he boarded door on structure.

Michelle Murrills – supports ARB recommendation.

Beverly Coleman – supports ARB recommendation.

Larry Murphy – supports ARB recommendation.

Motion approved to uphold ARB recommendation – Councilman Myers abstained.

d. To hold a public hearing for consideration of an Ordinance to authorize the execution of a Deed of Easement to Dinwiddie County for Ferndale Park.

No public comment.

Approved.

9. Public Information Period

A public information period, limited in time to 30 minutes, shall be part of an Order of Business at each regular council meeting. Each speaker shall be a resident or business owner of the City and shall be limited to three minutes. No speaker will be permitted to speak on any item scheduled for consideration on the regular docket of the meeting at which the speaker is to speak. The order of speakers, limited by the 30-minute time period, shall be determined as follows:

a. First, in chronological order of the notice, persons who have notified the Clerk no later than 12:00 noon of the day of the meeting,

b. Second, in chronological order of their sign up, persons who have signed a sign-up sheet placed by the Clerk in the rear of the meeting room prior to the meeting removed from consent agenda.

Patricia Cunningham

Expressed concern for fire safety and equipment.

Petersburg Fire and Rescue continues to maintain and repair fire equipment.

There are supply chain delays on some repair parts. Petersburg has mutual aid firefighting and support agreements with surrounding localities. When

assistance is needed by any of these localities to fight fires, aid is always available.

Jeff Fleming

Stated misinformation is communicated in the news because of the lack of knowledge on terminology and that staffing levels are low in the fire department.

John Hennsey

Concerned that fire department staff is low.

Richard Stewart

Traffic light needed onto MLK bridge from Pocahontas Island.

Carol West

Asked City to consider rezoning McKeever Street as a commercial area.

Tracy Banks

Expressed concern for Fire Department safety.

Gilvia Stith

Concerned about trash not being collected on time and asked about completion of I-95 bridge.

The bridge work on Crater Road/I-95 south is slated to be completed by VDOT in November, 2022.

John Richardson

Expressed concerns about the Fire Department.

City Manager gave an update on the Fire Department and repair of equipment. The City is in discussion with other localities regarding the purchase of equipment since it takes two years from time of order to delivery of a new fire truck. City Manager stated all repair invoices have been paid and equipment is being repaired as soon as parts are received.

10. Business or reports from the Mayor or other Members of City Council

Councilman Cuthbert:

Discussed comment that citizen made, at June 7 meeting, that Petersburg is a “target for the homeless”. Thanked Neighborhood Services for their work.

Councilwoman Wilson-Smith:

Congratulated organizations on successful Juneteenth events. Asked Social Services for a detailed report on the 21,000 citizens requiring public support. Asked Council to consider using the slogan “There is no Petersburg with U”. Stated that youth should know more about African American history in Petersburg. Suggested naming streets.

Councilman Westbrook:

Stated that City will continue the work for the greater good and there needs to be more focus on youth with exercise and reducing screen time. He thanked FOLAR for trail work. And encouraged families to read to children. Thanked former city councilman Ray Coleman for attending Council meeting.

Councilman Myers:

No comments.

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee:

Thanked citizens for attending Ward 6 & 7 meeting, Pat Hines for Halifax Music Festival, Parks & Rec for Juneteenth, and Petersburg Cavaliers for winning championship. Congratulated Petersburg High class of 2022.

Mayor Parham:

Thanked all who made recent events successful. Discussed Summer Youth Job Sharing program with City. Mentioned groundbreaking for new turf field at high school. Stated Governor Youngkin visited AMPAC and is a cheerleader for Petersburg. Discussed City's ongoing support for public safety and fire department and that there is a shortage of firefighters across the country.

11. Items removed from Consent Agenda
None.
12. Finance and Budget Report
 - a. Presentation on Budget and Finance
Presenter: Stacey Jordan, Chief Financial Officer
13. Unfinished Business
 - a. Consideration of approval to extend the lease agreement for one year (June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023) for a total amount of \$407,385.60 (\$33,948.80 monthly) between P & P Associates, LLC and the City of Petersburg for the property located at 3811 Corporate Road, Petersburg, VA 23803.
Presenters: Randall Williams, Deputy Director of Public Works & Norris Stevenson, Director of Social Services
Approved – Councilman Westbrook abstained.
14. New Business
 - a. Consideration of a resolution approving the development agreement for development of 1024 Eighth Street, Petersburg, Virginia between the City of Petersburg and Coastal Virginia Development.
Presenter: Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
Approved.
 - b. Consideration of a resolution to approve staff to market city-owned real estate property for disposition on the GovDeals Real Estate Website.
Presenter: Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
Approved.

c. Consideration of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Petersburg approving in concept the closure of River Street between 3rd Street and 5th Street and directing the City Manager to obtain necessary information and documentation to present an ordinance for approval.

Approved.

d. Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Commercial Lease Agreement between Marwaha Real Estate, LLC and the City of Petersburg for the property located at 30 Franklin Street, Petersburg, VA.

Motion for amended lease of one-year with an option for 2nd year renewal approved – Councilman Myers abstained.

e. Consideration of appointments to the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority Board.

Approved appointment of Paul Johnson, Director of Public Works & Utilities, and Randall Williams as substitute.

15. City Manager's Report
Thanked staff for launch of Youth Summer Job Sharing program with City.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
18. Adjournment